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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SYRIA

1. AMONG TODAY'S PEEVES, FAHMY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NEITHER SADAT NOR HE HAVE BEEN APPRISED OF WHAT WE ARE SAYING TO THE SYRIANS. HE CLAIMED MURPHY HAD SEEN ASAD ALMOST EVERY DAY IN THE PAST WEEK. WHAT HAD COME OUT OF THOSE MEETINGS? WAS MURPHY DISCUSSING ONLY UNSC DEBATE OR LEBANON AND OTHER SUBJECTS? IT IS IMPORTANT FOR GOE TO KNOW NATURE OF OUR DIALOGUE WITH SYRIANS AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

2. FAHMY ALSO CLAIMED GOE HAS HAD REPORT THAT MURPHY TOLD ASAD RECENTLY THAT ISRAELIS ARE READY TO MAKE FOUR KILOMETER UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL ON GOLAN FRONT. IS THIS TRUE OR NOT? I TOLD HIM I HAD NO DIRECT INFORMATION. BASED ON MY RECENT WASHINGTON TALKS, I HAD GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD SCOTCHED ANY IDEA OF UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL, BUT I DID NOT KNOW IF THE ALLON VISIT HAD BROUGHT A CHANGE IN THIS POSITION.

3. FAHMY ASKED THAT I QUERY YOU ABOUT THIS REPORT AND ALSO REQUESTED A READING ON OUR RECENT TALKS WITH ASAD. HE NOTED ASAD IS CURRENTLY ENCOUNTERING CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC PRESSURE FROM LEFT-WING

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BA'ATH ELEMENTS AND, STRANGELY ENOUGH, URGED THAT WE

SUPPORT ASAD BY PROVIDING HIM WITH ADDITIONAL
\$2 MILLION OR SO PER YEAR OVER AND ABOVE WHAT HE CALLED
PROMISED "\$37-38 MILLION."
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